

RESOLUTION NO. R-05-2014

A Resolution of the Mayor and Council for the Town of Kensington in Support of House Bill 729, to Assist Local Governments in Purchasing Street Lights From the Utilities

Whereas, House Bill 729 has been introduced in the Maryland State Legislature with the purpose of assisting local governments, including Kensington, in purchasing street lights from PEPCO and other utilities; and

Whereas, in 2007, local governments were authorized by State law to acquire street lights in their jurisdiction, but have been prevented from doing so in most cases. This legislation is designed to remove barriers to this acquisition; and

Whereas, there are currently insufficient incentives for utilities to provide energy efficient lighting; and

Whereas, street lighting is a significant energy expense for the counties and municipalities and presents an opportunity for communities to reduce their carbon footprint and address climate change through efficiency upgrades; and

Whereas, HB 729 will enable Kensington to acquire the street lights in its jurisdiction and to realize these efficiencies and cost savings.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Kensington do hereby support the adoption of HB 729.

Adopted by the Town of Kensington Council, in public meeting assembled, and effective, this 10th day of February, 2014.

Peter Fosselman, Mayor

This to certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Town Council in public meeting assembled on the 10th day of February, 2014.

Susan Engels, Clerk-Treasurer